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OPEN CONFERENCE WITH RECEPTION

Woman's Temperance League of
America Will Hold Annual
Meeting in This City.

Delegates to the annual State conference of the Woman's Temperance League of America will be entertained by the local branch to-morrow night with a reception at its headquarters, 15 South Third Street. The sessions of the conference, which will be held in Union Station Methodist Church, will begin on Tuesday morning.

Three sessions will be held on the opening day, and two on Wednesday. The conference will adjourn in time to meet with the Anti-Saloon League of Virginia at the opening of its annual convention that night.

The following speakers will address the conference:
Rev. W. Asbury Christian, D. D., Mrs. William Hodges Mann, Mrs. W. R. Blinn, Rev. W. A. Peason, Keyville, S. T. A. Kent, member of the Legislature, "State-wide Prohibition," Mrs. T. G. Pullen, Grafton, Va. "The



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EVERY PROSPECT OF AN ADJUSTMENT IN SLANDER SUIT

Question of Tax on Bank Deposits Will Be Settled Within Next Few Days.

WEAVER AND STUART CONFER

Governor-Elect Fully in Accord With Efforts to Relieve Present Burden.

There is every prospect of a settlement of the differences between Governor-Elect Stuart and Henry C. Weaver, Jr., General Assembly as to the Weaver bill reducing the tax on deposits in bank. The House Finance Committee will meet to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock to take up the matter, and it is probable that Mr. Stuart will be present. Chairman Aubrey G. Weaver, patron of the bill, said yesterday that he had a long conference with Mr. Stuart before he left for Lynchburg, and that there was every prospect of an adjustment which would permit of prompt legislation.

"Mr. Stuart," explained Mr. Weaver, "is fully in accord with the efforts to relieve the burden now resting on bank depositors, and he agrees that it should be made an emergency measure and made effective before the taxing date on February 1. His own expression was that the only question between us is one of figures—the actual rate of taxation on which I am sure we can readily agree."

The Supreme Court has decided that money in bank is property. Under the present law, therefore, it is subject to taxation by the State at 35 cents on \$100, and to additional tax in the counties and cities, the rate in Richmond, city and State, being \$1.75 on \$100.

The Weaver bill, designed to prevent the wholesale withdrawals of money from bank at the annual taxing period, and to check the movement of money out of the State, suggested that deposits as a subject for taxation by the State only, forbidding its taxation by counties and cities, and proceeds to lay a State rate of 2 cents on \$100, regarded as a mere nominal compliance with the terms of the constitution that all property is liable to taxation.

Mr. Stuart opposes the practical exemption of this class of property from taxation, but, before leaving to attend the Carter Glass dinner in Lynchburg yesterday, he gave assurances that his differences with the committee were on the point of adjustment.

Stuart Favors Reduction.

He heartily favors sweeping reduction in the present rate, and agrees that it should be immediate, and that the bill should be an emergency measure, designed to take effect before February 1. He insists, however, that, in his opinion, the rate of taxation should be sufficient to be a real tax, signifying, and at the same time levying on this class of property for the support of the government, and that it should be large enough to be a revenue producer. When Mr. Stuart returns from Lynchburg, his conferences will be held, with a view to agreement on the terms of the measure. It is entirely unlikely, therefore, that any tax will be levied this year on bank deposits, which will be a burden to depositors, or which would form a sufficient incentive to depositors to draw out their money.

Neither will this form of property be made exempt from taxation, and so leave the loophole pointed out by Mr. Stuart, by which tax dodgers might convert their investments into bank deposits over the annual taxing period. Members of the committee express the opinion that with a proper compromise amount fixed for the tax on bank deposits, a much more complete return will be made. Under present conditions people simply evade the tax, and do not return their bank deposits for taxation, the total amount returned in Virginia last year having been less than that of deposits in single banks in Richmond.

Realizing the burden on a tax of \$1.75 on \$100, where the average bank interest is only 3% on the \$100, commissioners of the revenue and grand juries have winked at the omission, and a matter of fact, therefore, the State derives little income, and the banks are severely strained by the withdrawals of money just before the tax date. Both are of the opinion that with a more equitable rate, properly enforced, a more complete return of the amounts in bank can be secured, and that the State in the end reap a larger return than it does at present, with the burden of taxation more evenly distributed.

COX WILL PRESIDE AT TAX CONFERENCE

Speaker of House to Occupy Chair When Business Men Meet Here Tuesday.

Speaker Edwin P. Cox, of the House of Delegates, has accepted the invitation of the Chamber of Commerce to preside at the morning session on the second day of the State conference of business men to study the reform of the State. Favorable replies to the letter of invitation sent out by the chamber are being received daily. There are indications that the conference will be largely attended.

The calling of the conference has aroused considerable interest among the members of the General Assembly. It is thought that the occasion will be an opportunity for the expression of opinion from the commercial interest of the State.

T. S. Adams, chairman of the Wisconsin Tax Commission, will speak on "Separation of the Sources of State and Local Revenue as a Program of Tax Reform." A. C. Poydell, secretary of the New York Tax Reform Association, will deliver an address on the subject, "The System of Special Taxes in the State of New York," and Dr. Thomas Walker Page, professor of political economy in the University of Virginia, will speak on the subject, "The Necessity for Tax Reform in Virginia, and Suggestions to Accomplish Such Reform."

Gertrude Wade Wants Damages From J. G. McCrorey Co. Because Clerk Called Her Thief.

SEARCHED IN 10-CENT STORE

Declaration Quotes Statement by Company, in Which Charge Was Reiterated.

Claiming that she was publicly branded as a thief by employees of the defendant company, Lella Gertrude Wade, a minor, through her father and next friend, John G. Wade, filed suit for \$10,000 damages against the J. G. McCrorey Company, Inc., yesterday morning in the Hustings Court, Part II. The plaintiff, in her declaration, asserts that she was falsely accused of taking a roll of paper, that she was humiliated by being searched in the store, and was publicly labeled by a statement issued by the defendant company.

On February 4 the girl went into the store as a customer. After purchasing some paper, employees of the place, she claims, called her a thief, and caught her standing ready to fight, shaking and dragging her to the rear of the store. There, she asserts, she was searched in the presence of a number of witnesses, but nothing besides the package she had paid for was found on her person.

An employee is said to have told her, in the presence of Marie Henning Oliver, "You stole this; come back here and let me see what else you have stolen."

Says Neighbors Shame Her.

Miss Wade, who bears an excellent reputation, claims that her good name has been greatly injured. She claims that since the transaction many of her neighbors have had nothing to do with her, believing that she is a thief.

The McCrorey Company, the plaintiff alleges, published the following statement on February 20:

"We, the J. G. McCrorey Company, Inc., stand ready to fight the case to a finish, and want it clearly understood that we will entertain no proposition of a compromise. We only regret that we will be forced to make an example of this child, which we will certainly do. We are sorry that we have witnesses at hand, three of whom are outsiders, we feel sure of being able of meeting out to her the punishment she deserves. We refrain from doing so on account of her age and the publicity to her family."

KILLED PARTNER IN ROW OVER MONEY

Supreme Court of Appeals Grants Hearing to Man Convicted of Murder at Urbanna.

The State Supreme Court decided yesterday to review the proceedings in the trial of Hallie Rawley, of Urbanna, convicted of murder in the second degree, and sentenced to five years in the penitentiary for killing George Jones, brother-in-law of Jones, who was shot down in a pistol battle on January 19, 1913, in Rawley's store. The writ of error was granted on an appeal brought up from the Circuit Court of Middlesex County. Rawley pleaded self-defense.

According to the petition filed by Rawley's attorneys, the shooting was the culmination of a long standing row between the brothers-in-law, and was precipitated by Jones. On the day of the murder, Jones went to his home in a drunken fury, armed with a revolver, struck his wife in the mouth and threatened to kill her and his young child. His wife, in terror, related the attack to her brother, Hallie Rawley.

Rawley and Jones were partners in a business enterprise in Urbanna, and on the day of Jones's attack on his wife, were due to divide some money earned by the firm. Jones is alleged to have entered the store in an angry frame of mind, quarreled over the division of the money, and offered to settle it in a duel on the public wharf outside the store. When Rawley refused to notice the challenge, witnesses say Jones grabbed the cut-throat knife of loose money and ran out of the store.

A short while later, at a time when the store was crowded with customers, he returned in a fury, with a revolver in his hand, shouting for his partner. Rawley was standing behind his partner. In the rear of the store when Jones entered. Suddenly, according to testimony offered at the trial, Jones raised his pistol and fired a shot that narrowly missed Rawley. As the customers fled, Rawley drew his revolver and fired at Jones. Six shots were exchanged before Rawley slipped out of a side door.

When officers entered the store a short time afterward, they found Jones lying in a heap. He had been wounded twice, once in the body and once in his right hand.

MERCHANTS TO DINE

Annual Meeting of the Retail Merchants' Association To-Morrow Night. The annual meeting of the Retail Merchants' Association will be held at the Jefferson Hotel to-morrow night. Following the annual election of officers and the reading of reports, dinner will be served. The association is inviting suggestions and returns will be discussed at the dinner. A large number of merchants are expected to attend, and the meeting is expected to be a very successful one.

Walker-White. Mrs. Sophie Mason White and Roger A. Pryor Walker, of Cincinnati, were quietly married yesterday afternoon at 139 C. Street, the ceremony being performed by Rev. G. Peyton Craighill, rector of Epiphany Episcopal Church, and a few very intimate friends were present.

Committee at Headquarters. On and after Tuesday the Virginia Association Opposed to Woman's Suffrage will have a committee at its headquarters, 309 East Franklin Street, every afternoon from 3:30 to 6 o'clock to give away literature and explain the objects of the organization.

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HART-WHITE BILL TO BE EXPLAINED

Alabama Game Commissioner Will Appear Before Joint Session of General Assembly.

In the interests of the Hart-White game bill, John H. Wallace, State Game Commissioner of Alabama and gubernatorial candidate, will arrive here this morning, and if it can be arranged, will make an address before a joint session of the General Assembly. A resolution with this end in view will be offered to-morrow before the House and Senate.

Mr. Wallace is coming to this city by invitation of the Virginia Game and Fish Protective Association and the Virginia Audubon Society. His address will be on the subject of game and fish preservation and the efficiency of the Alabama law, after which the Hart-White bill is drafted.

The salient points of the proposed law are:

Self-supporting game department; game commissioner appointed by the Governor; county license at \$1 for own and adjacent counties; State license at \$3 to hunt anywhere in State; non-residents' license at \$10; no license required to hunt on own land; written permission necessary to hunt on another's land; rabbit season commences with bird season; season for migratory birds according to Federal statute; same restrictions for shipping game; same in effect; bag limit of twenty birds per day; same restrictions on unlawful appliances and methods now in effect; game wardens appointed by commissioner and removable in his discretion; no birds not game birds protected, except certain harmful species; deer, squirrels and rabbits protected, but landowners may kill squirrels and rabbits to protect crops at any time; quail, pheasants and turkeys protected from February 1 to October 31, inclusive; a sum equal to half of fine to go to wardens; supervisors may shorten, but not extend seasons.

The bill also provide that no bass or "pond chub" may be taken less than ten inches, and that no more than fifteen of these fish can be taken in one day. A penalty for the violation of this section is provided. Inclusive section will prohibit selling for bass, "chickadee" or silver perch in the Chickahominy River, and will provide a penalty for violations.

CLUB RE-ELECTS BRYDON TENNANT

Commonwealth Holds Annual Meeting and Retains Old Officers—New Board Members.

W. Brydon Tennant was re-elected president of the Commonwealth Club at its annual meeting held last night. Mr. Tennant was elected vice-president; L. D. Aylett, secretary; and A. Warwick, treasurer. New members of the board of governors elected were: L. D. Aylett, C. E. Bolling, D. H. Leake, M. C. Branch and W. E. Buford. Robert N. Pollard was elected a member of the board to fill a short term vacancy.

Aylett has served the club as secretary for about fifteen years, and every year the club finds that it cannot well get along without him. This is Mr. Tennant's second year as president. The question of the constitution of the club was discussed at the meeting, and the annual meeting was made the occasion for the serving of an elaborate buffet supper in the main dining-room of the club. There was music and singing, and the crowd remained for several hours.

As a special feature the Commonwealth invited the boards of the West-morland Club and the Country Club of Virginia to be guests at the supper.

SILVER LANTERN FOR POPULAR CONDUCTOR

The Times-Dispatch to Give Handsome Prize to Railroad Conductor Who Receives the Largest Number of Votes—Can Use for Voting Only Coupon Cut from The Times-Dispatch

Who is the most popular railroad conductor running into or out of Richmond?

A solid silver conductor's lantern will be given by The Times-Dispatch to that conductor receiving the greatest number of votes. There are so many popular, courteous and capable railroad conductors running in and out of the city of Richmond that travelers from all over the United States have said for years that one of the pleasures of visiting Richmond is the courteous treatment which is extended them as soon as they reach a railroad running into this city.

Every one who travels regularly over a certain line has his favorite among the conductors on that line. There are conductors who have been in the service of Virginia railroads for thirty or forty years, and who number among their friends thousands of travelers from all over the country. There are other younger men no less popular, because while they have served a fewer number of years, they have reaped the advantage of serving under old and experienced officials of the railroads.

The question is frequently asked here in Richmond, Who is the most popular conductor who runs into or out of Richmond? and The Times-Dispatch has found the means of having this question answered.

Beginning to-morrow morning, The

ENGLISH TEACHERS MEET IN FEBRUARY

National Council to Hear Dr. Kent, Dr. Smith and Commissioner Claxton.

Richmond will entertain the National Council of Teachers of English on February 27 and 28. The sessions will be held in connection with the conference of the Department of Superintendence of the National Education Association, with which the National Council of English Teachers is closely affiliated. Dr. Charles W. Kent, of the University of Virginia, who is first vice-president of the organization, will be a chief factor in securing the meeting for Virginia. He will speak at one of the meetings, as will also Dr. C. Alphonso Smith and a number of teachers of national reputation from other States. The chief speaker will be P. P. Claxton, United States Commissioner of Education, whose subject will be "The Significance of the New English Movement."

Many distinguished teachers from all parts of the United States will attend the meetings, which are expected to result in a great stimulus toward the improvement of English teaching in this and other Southern States. The Virginia teachers will organize a State Association of Teachers of English to cooperate with the National Council. This move is in pursuance of an action taken by the English section of the State Teachers' Association at Lynchburg last Thanksgiving, and practically assures a large attendance of Virginia teachers.

Though the association will be composed largely of college and high school teachers of English, the membership will be open also to elementary school teachers, because the teaching of English in the grades must be the foundation of the work done in the high school and college, and is one of the largest problems with which the association will have to deal.

WILL MAKE PLANS FOR CONVENTION

Secretary of National Education Association to Meet Local Committee.

Durand W. Springer, of Ann Arbor, Mich., secretary of the National Education Association, will arrive here to-morrow night to spend several days assisting in getting under way the preliminary arrangements for the conference of the Department of Superintendence, which will be held here February 23 to 28. Indications are that the conference will bring to this city about 3,000 visitors, representing the active working force of the education system of the country. Practically every State in the Union will be represented. The conference will have under deliberation and discussion every problem and every question connected with the supervisory department of modern education.

Mr. Springer will, in conference with the local committee, select the places at which several meetings of the conference will be held, and map out a tentative program. The complete local committee has been announced as follows: Joseph H. Saunders, chairman; Charles H. Butler, A. C. Hill, J. C. Harbo, F. C. Eber, J. G. Corley, W. Floyd Reams, W. J. Kimbrough, W. T. Dabney, E. S. Goodman, Mrs. Mary C. B. Munford, J. C. Metcalf, Dr. S. C. Mitchell, Dr. P. W. Boutwell, Mayor George Alshie, R. L. Peters, R. C. Stearnes, P. W. Duke, Thomas B. McAdams, Barton H. Grundy, E. R. Fuller, Brewster Bryan, C. B. Cooke, W. H. Adams and E. H. Chesterman.

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SCHOOL BOARD TO INTEREST PUBLIC

Noted Speakers Will Discuss Vocational Training at Big Meeting Tuesday Night.

Vocational education will be discussed on Tuesday night at the J. C. Marshall High School auditorium by speakers of national reputation. The meeting will be held under the auspices of the school board, which has issued more than 6,000 invitations to parents, business men, city officials, members of trade union, and members of the General Assembly.

The speakers will be C. A. Prosser, secretary of the National Society for the Promotion of Industrial Education, and the author of numerous articles on industrial and vocational training; and C. H. Winslow, of the United States Bureau of Labor, author of one of the most valuable and exhaustive reports that have been issued by the bureau on industrial education. These men have for their purpose the establishment of day vocational schools, part-time schools, evening schools or classes in industry and agriculture in the different States. They have helped write legislation along these lines in several States, and have also aided in securing compulsory education in others.

The nearest approach this city has to vocational education is found in the John Marshall Night High School, where there is an average attendance of 1,200 boys and girls, and one pre-vocational class with twenty-five students, but these classes have only a small percentage of those who are in need of such training. Vocational education is a business proposition and the movement is receiving hearty support all over the country. It is the object of the school board in bringing these speakers here, to have the people of Richmond learn the needs of the children, in order to get their support in establishing more schools here.

Mr. Asher in Hospital. James Asher, of 914 Marshall Street, who is quite ill, has been moved to the Johnston-Willis Hospital for an operation.

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